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SUBJECT: US SHARE OF NATO AWACS INTERIM FUNDING

1. THE SENATE HAS AMENDED ITS VERSION OF THE FY 79
DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL TO REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS
FROM THE FY 78 AUTHORIZATION ACT REGARDING THE OBLIGATION
AND EXPENDITURE OF \$15.7 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR NATO
AWACS R AND D. THE NEXT HURDLE WILL BE ENCOUNTERED WHEN
SENATE AND HOUSE CONFEREES MEET NEXT WEEK. IF CONFEREES
SUSTAIN THE SENATE AMENDMENT, FUNDS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
TO MEET OUR SHARE OF SOME \$4 MILLION FOR NATO AWACS
INTERIM FUNDING WHEN THE FY 79 AUTHORIZATION ACT IS
SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT LATER THIS MONTH OR IN EARLY
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2. EVEN THOUGH ALL RESTRICTIONS WERE REMOVED IN A TECHNICAL
SENSE BY THE SENATE AMENDMENT, EXPENDITURES BEYOND \$4
MILLION WILL REQUIRE CONCURRENCES OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES. MOREOVER, FLOOR DEBATE
CLEARLY SUGGESTS THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES COULD BE JUSTIFIED

ONLY IF OTHER PARTICIPATING NATIONS HAVE PAID OR HAVE
AGREED TO PAY PROPORTIONATE SHARES OF PROGRAM EXPENSES.

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